



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

## *LaCasa of Goshen, Inc., Goshen, IN*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

LaCasa of Goshen, Inc., was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. LaCasa is a nonprofit community housing development organization in the City of Goshen (population 29,700) in northern Indiana. Goshen has a long manufacturing history that has resulted in abandoned, vacant, or underused industrial buildings and properties. An incomplete brownfields inventory suggests the presence of at least 100 brownfields in the city. Manufacturing currently provides an estimated 41.9 percent of jobs in Goshen, attracting many immigrant workers to the area. From 1990 to 2000, the city's population increased 23 percent, but the number of housing units increased only 18



### Cleanup Grant

#### \$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected LaCasa of Goshen, Inc., for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the five-acre former Quality Drive-A-Way property at 212 Prospect Avenue in the Northside neighborhood of the city. The property was used from 1886 until 2001 for manufacturing and industrial activities. Site soil is contaminated with metals and benzo(a)pyrene from cinders and ash deposited as historic fill. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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percent. Affordable housing is a significant need in the city, especially in the Northside neighborhood, where about 45 percent of residents are minorities. Once the target property is cleaned up, plans call for the development of low-to-moderate income single-family residences and a park.